

organic sulfide chelating agent takes place during digestion of the wood chips and washing of the unbleached pulp, and wherein after the pulp has been treated with said organic sulfide chelating agent, the pulp is then bleached.

9. (Currently Amended) In a method for making Chemical pulp comprising the steps of digesting wood chips in the digester to create unbleached pulp and then bleaching the pulp and subjecting the pulp to pressurized oxygen delignification; the improvement comprising treating the pulp with from about 0.002 weight % to about 0.02 weight % of an organic sulfide chelating agent, wherein the ~~unbleached~~ pulp is treated either before or during bleaching and the treated bleached pulp then undergoes ~~at the same time that it is undergoing~~ pressurized oxygen delignification, wherein said organic sulfide chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of polymeric dithiocarbamate chelating agents and salts thereof and mixtures thereof and wherein no treatment with organic sulfide chelating agent takes place during digestion of the wood chips and washing of the unbleached pulp, and wherein the washed unbleached pulp is subsequently either treated and then bleached or is simultaneously bleached and treated.

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As requested by Examiner, Applicants have herein amended Claim 7 and Claim 9 to "positively claim" a bleaching step in each claim. Applicants submit that no new matter